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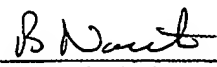
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant lists the following references (copies of the listed patents and papers enclosed).

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
		6,001,100	Dec. 1999	Sherman <i>et al.</i>
cmB	—	5,961,520	Oct. 1999	Beck <i>et al.</i>

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Exam. Initials	Document No.	Date	Country
WPB	WO 00/18332	April 2000	PCT
WPB	EP 0306018 A	March 1989	Europe
WPB	WO 98/22047	May 1998	PCT

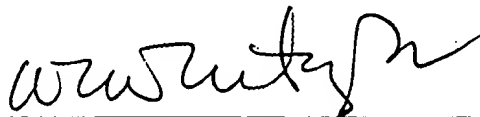
The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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